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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 7 Percent From Last Year

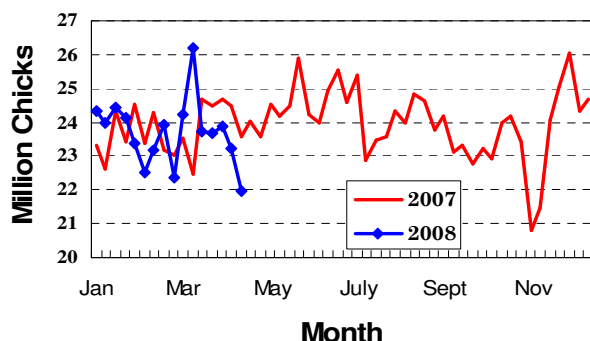
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas were 21.9 million during the week ending April 19, 2008. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2007 and down 6 percent from the previous week. Placements included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2007, through April 19, 2008, were 379 million, virtually unchanged from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week were 22.1 million, down 6 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier and down 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 85 percent.

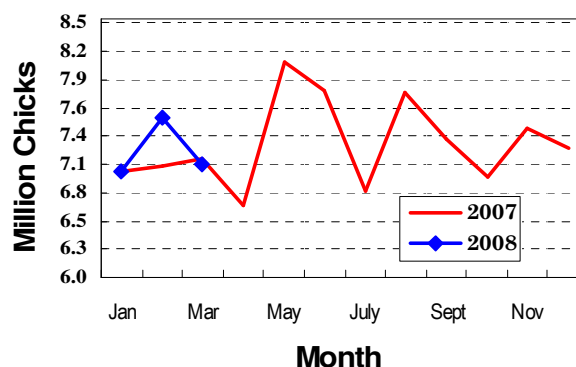
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 27.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 19, 2008, down 3 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.09 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2008, down 1percent from March 2007.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2007-2008



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2007-2008



	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
Week Ending 1/	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2007	2008	
	Thousand		
Mar. 15	22,450	26,218	117
Mar. 22	24,667	23,727	96
Mar. 29	24,458	23,655	97
Apr. 5	24,661	23,889	97
Apr. 12	24,500	23,223*	95
Apr. 19	23,551	21,947	93

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of
	2006-2007	2007-2008	Prev. Year
	Thousand		
Oct.	6,744	6,970	103
Nov.	7,618	7,606	100
Dec.	7,176	7,248	101
Jan.	7,015	7,012	100
Feb.	7,071	7,536	107
Mar.	7,135	7,090	99

1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 22, 2008 - April 19, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	22-Mar	29-Mar	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	% 1/	22-Mar	29-Mar	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,727	32,056 *	32,574	31,928 *	32,075	101	21,579	22,103	21,853	21,311 *	21,702	105
Arkansas	27,080	26,038	26,530	27,171 *	27,393	97	23,727	23,655	23,889	23,233 *	21,947	93
Delaware	3,957	4,065	4,090	4,027	3,942	97	5,191	5,203	4,902	4,804	4,867	88
Florida	1,414	1,419	1,413	1,413	1,327	96	1,305	1,353	1,291	1,333	1,191	73
Georgia	34,426	34,663	34,911	34,137	34,651	96	29,748	28,943	28,899	28,232 *	28,810	104
Kentucky	7,718	8,111 *	7,909	7,902	7,702	96	6,165	5,929	6,229	6,054 *	6,459	100
Louisiana	3,712	3,712 *	3,937	3,712	3,712	95	3,883	3,730	3,715	3,726	3,607	96
Maryland	8,831	8,939	9,106	8,779	8,995	101	5,989	5,561	6,917	6,095	6,590	116
Mississippi	19,164	18,863	18,926	19,242	18,877	99	17,307	17,262	17,340	17,375	17,291	100
N. Carolina	20,233	19,419 *	20,312	20,370	19,587	100	16,344	16,196	16,072	16,658	15,649	98
Oklahoma	6,497	6,135	6,368	6,580	6,319	87	4,613	4,913	5,173	5,632	4,964	94
Pennsylvania	4,294	4,290	4,265	4,198 *	4,347	105	3,240	3,215	3,435	3,352 *	3,351	112
S. Carolina	5,726	5,436	5,501	5,611	5,406	94	4,438	4,877	5,159	4,776	4,418	89
Texas	15,531	15,732	15,683	15,574	15,063	100	13,719	13,573	13,109	13,010	13,097	103
Virginia	6,621	6,350	6,269	6,416	6,164	94	5,149	5,448	5,069	5,720	5,021	94
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,743	19,890	20,139 *	20,224 *	19,935	97	18,701	18,306	17,846 *	17,035 *	18,209	101
19 State Total	216,674	215,118 *	217,933 *	217,284 *	215,495		181,098	180,267	180,898 *	178,346 *	177,173	
Prev. Year Total	215,509	216,513	218,877	219,385	220,515		176,045	176,014	177,141	177,312	177,312	
% of Prev. Year	101	99	100	99	98		103	102	102	101	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/							10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	7-Jun	

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 19, 2008. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 19, 2008 were 2.86 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.